seems to me that there is some possibility of finding a market for our goods in North India.

Mr. I. N. Menon.- The letter from the Chamber of Commerce shows that what we lack is not advertisement. Our real difficulty is foreign competition.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—That happens only in the case of cocoanuts in bulk. What about cocoanut-oil, etc.?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the case of cocoanut-oil also.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—But if we advertise in the North Indian markets can we not find scope for our goods also?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Our cocoanuts are already in the Indian market. What we want is not advertisement but removal of these hindrances to our supply.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Have the Government taken any steps to see a way out of this foreign competition?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—We have certain moral obligations since we are committed on account of the Ottawa agreement and the Interportal Trade Convention. We cannot fix these things ourselves.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Do the Government know that the Travancore Government have taken any steps in that matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—My information is that they tried and failed.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have our Government addressed the British Government regarding this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, we have. They have said that they will do whatever is possible.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether the feasibility of extracting sugar from cocoanut has been considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think that has been considered.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Extracting sugar from sweet toddy is under consideration.

Withdrawal of prosecutions under section 270 C. P. C.

229. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have withdrawn during the last five years any prosecutions launched under section 270 of the Cochin Penal Code; if so, how many, with the names of the accused?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes—one case under sections 321, 270 and 332, C. P. C., 6 accused.

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Names of accused.

(1) Kunjappan
(2) C V Pappu
(3) P V Kochithi
(4) K I Kandan
(5) K Kochugovindan
(6) K K Pappu

Pending Prosecutions under sections 270 C. P. C.

230. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state how many such prosecutions under section 270 of the Cochin Penal Code are now pending and who are the accused in the cases?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Two cases charged by the Police are pending, one under sections 428, 270 and 333 C. P. C. and the other under section 270 C. P. C. and section 2 (12) of Regulation IV of 1098.

The accused in the first case are Urmese and Lonappan and in the 2nd Anthony.

Appointment of the Director of Public Health as an Inspector of Factories.

231. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) when was the power to inspect factories given to the Director of Public Health;

(b) the names of factories inspected by him till now with the dates of inspection?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) In Karkadagam 1108, as per notification dated 18th Karkadagam 1108.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When there is already a Factory Inspector why was this additional work also given to the D. P. H.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer held these powers and these were transferred to the D. P. H.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In answer to a previous question it was stated that the increase of pay was due to increase of work. May I know whether this also is included in that increase of work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If it involves increase of work, it is included.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why he did not inspect any of the factories during these seven months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He could not find time. He was otherwise busily engaged.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any rule of the number of times that he is to inspect the factories?

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